

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF MARIA AMBUUL UPON HER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STARS AND STRIPES AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Maria Ambuul upon her achievement of the Stars and Stripes Award, the highest honor of the American Heritage Girls organization. It is a pleasure and privilege to honor Ms. Ambuul for her accomplishments, as well as her dedication to her God, her family, her community, and her country.

American Heritage Girls is a nonprofit Judeo-Christian organization for girls ages five to 18, dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. The organization was started in 1995 and has grown to nearly 400 troops with more than 12,500 members in 45 states. Ms. Ambuul is the first Coloradan to achieve the coveted Stars and Stripes Award.

The Stars and Stripes Award is bestowed upon young women who have gone above and beyond the highest program level in American Heritage Girls. Young women receiving the Stars and Stripes Award must exemplify the following qualities: compassion, helpfulness, honesty, loyalty, perseverance, purity, resourcefulness, respectfulness, responsibility, and reverence. They must also have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the American Heritage Girls oath to love God, cherish their families, honor their country, and serve in their communities. The Stars and Stripes Award is equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout Award.

Ms. Ambuul has proved her love for and dedication to her community. I thank her for the difference she has made in Colorado's Fifth District and for setting such a fine example for young women in the state of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL STUDENT MUSICIANS FOR THEIR SELECTION TO THE 2012 ARMY ALL-AMERICAN BOWL MARCHING BAND

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four outstanding student musicians in my community: Nicolas Allegro, Joyce Su and Gina Hansen of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Fairfax and C. Hunter Bockes of C.D. Hylton High School in Prince William were recently selected as members of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Marching Band.

These young people will represent northern Virginia, along with 125 other musicians and color guard members from across the nation, as part of the marching band for the Jan. 7 U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio. The All-American Bowl is the nation's largest high school football all-star game, which seeks to generate positive publicity for the Army, strengthen the Army's connection with America and demonstrate the commitment of the Army to America's youth. These individuals were nominated by members of their communities and selected by the National Association for Music Education. They represent the top marching band musicians from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to be selected to the All-American Bowl Marching Band, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these young men and women for their achievements and congratulating them on representing their schools and our community on the national stage.

HONORING DARLENE HIEB

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Darlene Hieb, who rose through the ranks to become the Director of Nursing at Tuolumne General Hospital and announced her retirement, after 30 years of service, at the end of December 2011.

There are no words to adequately describe Darlene's quality of character, competence, and the contributions she made to Tuolumne General Hospital and the community. Throughout her county career, Darlene has been the model of quality care, love, compassion, and loyalty to both her patients and staff. She has exemplified the best of what has been offered at Tuolumne General Hospital.

Darlene Hieb was born with a heart for nursing and a calling to care for people. Indeed, her education and 37-year professional career as a nurse bear this out. After graduation from Lodi Union High School, Darlene proceeded to earn an A.A. degree in Pre-Nursing and a B.S. degree in Nursing. Darlene also obtained her license as a Registered Nurse (RN) and numerous certifications, the most notable as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) and Nurse Administrator. After receiving her Bachelor's degree and RN license, Darlene worked as an RN for the Los Banos Community Hospital for four-and-a-half years and at the Huntington Intercommunity Hospital for two-and-a-half years.

Darlene Hieb started her career at Tuolumne General Hospital as a Relief RN II on February 3, 1982. She continued to serve as an RN II until January 1986, when she was promoted to a Head Nurse position. Darlene was later promoted to Nursing Services Manager and then to Director of Nursing—the position she has held since October 15, 1995.

Since the decision was made to close Tuolumne General, Darlene's importance to the organization grew even greater. When others might have left, Darlene rose to the occasion and committed to stay as the recognized leader of the hospital throughout the major transitions to come. She will long be remembered as the heart and soul of Tuolumne General during that season of the hospital's life. It is hard to imagine how the phased closure could have happened in such a professional, caring, and financially responsible manner without her. Through it all, Darlene was able to inspire and engender the loyalty of her staff to maintain the quality of care Tuolumne General had long been known for until its last day of operation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding career dedicated to the care of people and the standard of excellence brought to Tuolumne General Hospital by Darlene Hieb, and hereby wish her continued success in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE BETA BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Beta Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded on Tuesday, December 4, 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, as the First African-American Intercollegiate Fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. was founded by seven courageous men who will forever be known as the Noble Jewels of the fraternity; Henry Arthur Calis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinkle Jones, George Biddle Kelly, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The fraternity's aims of "manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind" have always been displayed by its many national programs which includes, "Go to High School, Go to College", "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" and Project Alpha.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., successfully completed the building of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, D.C., the only African-American and non-president to be so honored on The National Mall.

The local chapter in Miami-Dade County, Beta Beta Lambda Chapter raised over \$2.1 million during the leadership of seven chapter presidents and the monument coordinator (Brothers Gordon Murray, W. Ajibola Balogun, Dana Moss, Ola Aluko, David Young, Maurice Hurry, Trevor Wade and Gregory Gay) for the building of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, DC. Today, I commend the Beta Beta Lambda

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